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### vehicle

1. An excipient or a menstruum; a substance, usually without therapeutic action, used as a medium to give bulk for the administration of medicines. 2. An inanimate substance ( e.g., food, milk, dust, clothing, instrument) by which or upon which an infectious agent passes from an infected to a susceptible host; v. consequently act as important sources of infection. [L. *vehiculum*, a conveyance, fr. *veho*, to carry]

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